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SNOW HOUSES QUICKLY BUILT

Residence That Satisfies Eskimo Can Be Put Together in Something Like Six Hours.

It takes about six hours to build a first-class winter residence in Eskimo land. The material, snow cut from a bank that must have been made in a single storm, must be solid and homogeneous, fine, yet soft enough to be easily cut with saw or snow knife. The blocks are three or four feet long, two feet high and six to eight inches thick. They are piled on one another, something like in building a brick house, save that they are placed to form a spiral, inclined inward, to form a dome-shaped structure. When finished the house is 10 or 12 feet high and 12 to 15 feet in diameter, and has the appearance of a hemisphere of snow set. on its flat side. An entrance, big enough to crawl through, is made on one side and on either side of it are cubby-holes for the storage of harness, spare food, etc. A window is cut in the wall and covered with seals' intestines, sewed together. These are translucent and aquait daylight. In lieu of that a slab of clear freshwater ice may be used. The house is lined with skins to prevent the warm air from the inside from melting the snow roof. Between the skins and the wall there is always a layer of cold air. There is also a small hole cut in the roof for ventilation, and to provide a draught for the family lamp. On the side of the house opposite the entrance a broad snow bench is built, with a long pole for an edge. This is the family bed. For a mattress a thick layer of shrubs is spread upon it and over these many deerskins. Clothes, when taken off, are rolled up and put under the skins for pillows. One blanket of skins serves to cover the whole family.

WISDOM IN JUDGE'S CHARGE

Irish Jurist Warned "Good Men and True" Against Being "Obfusticated" by the Lawyers.

Round the library fire in the Four Courts, Dublin, Irish barristers long have gathered to spin yarns of their ssion while waiting for briefs. One of these stories was of a novel charge to a jury given by a Gaelle judge, which is recalled by a writer in the Irish World, as follows:

"Gentlemen of the jury," a judge be gan when coupsel for the defense had concluded an eloquent and elaborate address. "Gentlemen of the jury, there are two courses, do you observe, to be adopted by counsel. The first is simple enough. If he has a middling case he endeavors to convince the jury. But if he has no case at all, if the evidence is all one way and the guilt of the prisoner is as plain, do you see, as the nose on his face, and no one but a fool or a juror could be asked to have a doubt about it, then counsel endenvors to obfusticate the jury! For counsel seems to think that when intelligent men come into a jury box they hang up their common sense with their hats and coats on the pegs behind them."

The Days of '49.

California was as popular 70 years ago as it is now, judging by an extract from a copy of a Missouri paper in the ssion of a Blythe (Cal.) man, dated 1849. The extra is an advertisement for an auction sale. Public sale, state of Missouri, coun-

ty of Pike. To whom it may concern: The undersigned will, on Tuesday, September 25, A. D. 1849, sell at publle outcry for cash, on the premises, where Coon creek crosses the Old Mission road, the following chattels, towit: Six yoke oxen with yokes and chains; two wagons with beds, three nigger wenches, four buck niggers, three nigger boys, two prairie plows twenty-five steel tracks, one barrel pickled cabbage, one hogshead tobacco, a lot of nigger hoes, one spinning wheel, one loom, thirteen fox hounds, a lot of coon, fox and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. I am gwine to California.

N. B.-Gingerbread and hard elder tree on the grounds,"

Gets 'Em on the Fly.

The Wilson warbler is the champion By-catcher of the United States. His method of getting most of his food is to dash out from the limb of a tree and anatch passing insects on the wing. They catch other insects which are flitting about or sitting on the foliage or blossoms of the trees. You will often find these little birds in apple trees when in bloom. Their olive reen and yellow plumage harmonizes with the green leaves of the trees. The male bird has a black crown patch on the top of its head, while on the female this cap is greenish like the back. This bird is found throughout the eastern United States but winters in Central America.

intrucion of Willie.
me, aunt! I bate to bother

MORGENTHAU PLEADS FOR HELPING HAND IN THE NEAR EAST

Former Ambassador to Turkey Says America Should Not Let Armenian Allies Starve.

By HENRY MORGENTHAU. Former Ambassador to Turkey and Leader in Near East Rollef.

If they were good enough to fight and die for us when we needed their help so sorely, they are good enough now to share some meager little crumbs from our plenty when they have nothing, when hundreds of thousands of them are homeless, unclad, foodless and threatened with extermi-

nation by their enemies and our own. Not far from a million Christians have been murdered by their Turkish oppressors. Hungry, terror stricken hundreds of thousands of refugees now look to the United States for suc-

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faith in God is their trust in the disinterested good will and generosity of



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which they have been left as a conse-

If we should fall to aid them, starva-

brought in by agents of the Near East Relief and by representatives of the Peace Conference paint a picture of wretchedness inconceivable to those party upon the other party, at a date who have not a first hand impression not less than one month previous. wretchedness inconceivable to those of the savagery of the Mussulman.

Exiled From Homes.

Since the beginning of the war the Turkish Armenians have been largely refugees from their homes. A simple agricultural people, they have been exiles from their farms, deprived of all opportunity to support themselves. Year by year their sufferings have increased. Now, a year after fighting has ceased, they are still living the life of nomads, able to continue to keep alive only by virtue of American

philanthropy.

These homeless people—"fifthy infidels" to the Turk-were good enough to exert their poor might in our behalf while the war was still in the balance. Massacres of a half century had not so broken their spirit that they dared not fight for right and for democracy when justice was the issue, We accepted their aid then. Surely we shall not pass them by without

compassion now. The day has passed when any self respecting man dares permit absorp-tion in his own personal affairs to exclude consideration of his neighbor's well being. No honorable man can knowingly allow his neighbor to bunger or to go unclothed. The Christian peoples of the Near East are our neighbors. The money needed to relieve them can be spared without causing any man, woman or child in the United States to suffer.

Must Not Rest on Past

In other years of our own free will we sent missionaries to Turkey. Our schools and colleges and hospitals have played a wonderful role in humenizing that dark spot in the world. Our ideas, our educational resources, our material equipment, have been leaven in the Near East. Because we have done well in times past we have

this great opportunity for the present.
The Armenians have been treated as perhaps no people in history have been treated because they are the spiritual brothers of western races.

Will America help them? There will America help them? There can be but one answer. Their pocessity is dire, but our power is great. We are wealthy. We are a member of the family of nations. Our brothers call us. Food, clothes, money, are immediately wanted. If ever unmedited mediately wanted. If ever unmedited suffering called for succor the ptight of the Armenians should be heeded now. A few months more and it may be relief will be too late for those myriads whom only we can save. We chall not fall them.

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 20th day of October, 1919, by and between the City of Detroit, represented by B. Banta, Superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction, duly authorized Agent for and in behalf of said City, party of the first part, and the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, represented by Board of Supervisors, duly authorized Agent for and in behalf of said County, party of the second part.

part.

Witnesseth. Whereas, the party of the first part, for and in consideration hereafter mentioned, agrees to receive into the Detroit House of Correction, safely keep, board clothe and care for, any and all persons who may be sentenced to confinement in the said Detroit House of Correction, by any Court or Magistrate in the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, to-wit: For all persons sentenced for any period not less than sixty days, one dollar and twenty-five cents per day each, or any part of day. It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, that this agreement does not cover any person or persons who may be sentenced to confinement by any Court or Magis trate in said County for any term less than sixty days, and such person or persons os sentenced shall not be committed to, confined, received or kept in the said Detroit House of Correction under the terms of this agreement. Provided that all persons sentenced and delivered as aforesaid, upon being discharged, may, in the discretion of the Superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction, be furnished with transportation to the place from whence received, or given the equivalent in tation to the place from whence received, or given the equivalent in money, and the amount so expended shall be repaid by the party of the second part quarterly as hereinafter

The party of the second part, in consideration of the before mentioned stipulations to be performed to the party of ulations to be performed to the party of the first part, agrees that all persons convicted in the County of Shiawassee, of offenses under the Disorderly Act or of crimes not punished by imprisonment in the State Prison or Reform School, and who are sentenced by any Court or Magistrate, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction, and shall be forthwith conveyed to and delivered into the custody of the Superintendent thereof; and to pay all lawful drafts drawn upon the Treasurer of the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, for board, care, discipline and money expended for return transportation, etc., of persons so sentenced and delivered, according to the terms of this agreement, quarter yearly, viz: of this agreement, quarter yearly, viz: on the first day of January. April. July and October of each year of the contin-

and October of each year of the contin-uance of this agreement.

The party of the second part further agrees to furnish the party of the first part an affidavit of the due publication of public notice of this agreement in some newspaper published within said County, and in case no paper is pub-lished in said County then an affidavit of the due application of such notice in some newspaper published within the judicial district to which said County is attached for a period of not less than the American people. They took to us is attached for a period of not less than as the human agency to extricate four weeks, and such notice shall state them from the frightful situation in ment will remain in force, as provided for in Section 2162, Mich. Compiled Laws 1897.

If we should fall to aid them, starva-tion and the winter's cold would go far to completing the work done by the unspeakable Turk.

I have not seen with my own eyes

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, by and be-tween the parties hereto, that this agreement shall continue for one year from the 31st day of October. 1919. and shall be binding and in full force in all to annul this agreement at any time during the continuance thereof, when written notice of the intention to so annul shall have been served by

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have affixed hereto our hands on the day and year first above mentioned, at Detroit, State of Michigan.

The Board of Supervisors.

By W. A. McMULLEN, Chairman,
By Arch W. Burnett, Clerk,
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The City of Detroit
By B. BANTA,
Superintendent of the Detroit House
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Persecution of Armenians and Confiscation of Property Prevented by English Officer.

The most arbitrary city boss in the world, it seems safe to say, as well as the most unscrupulous politician of modern times, has turned up in Aintab. Armenia, to judge from an official -port recently made by Major Stephen Trewbridge, under Gen, Edmund H. P. Allenby's orders.

He is a Turk named Besim Bey. Until the Near East Relief agents stopped him, he practiced upon the terrified There not seen with my own eyes shall be binding and in full force in all the misery in which the Armenians its points to the end. PROVIDED that now exist. I have been spared that the parties hereto, or either of them. But the reports which have been have and has by these presents the right rupt politician in the world green with envy, and such cruelties as make all other heartless rulers, from Nero down, seem sweet and gentle characters. His office was that of Municipal Chief Accountant of Aintab; but, as all dishonest office-holders know. it isn't the job that matters, but the sugar-plums that go with it. Besim Bey plucked sugar-plums with both hands, night and day,

Even inspired city bosses have their day. Besim Bey's came when the Near East Relief agents found that no thorough Armenian relief work could be done in that city while such conditions of terrorization existed. General MacAndrew ordered the arrest and removal of the six worst Turks in the ring that ruled the city, and Besim Ber qualified, as usual, for first place,

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